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Keiichi KURASHINA et al. : **Confirmation No. 5697**
Serial No. 10/543,097 : Group Art Unit 1795
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PLATING APPARATUS AND PLATING : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**
METHOD

REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR § 1.48(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the inventorship in the above-referenced U.S. patent application be corrected to add the following named individuals as inventors in the application:

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Panayotis ANDRICACOS (deceased)
John COTTE
Keith KWIETNIAK

A statement is attached from each of the above persons being added as an inventor, stating that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on their part. The statement by deceased inventor Panayotis ANDRICACOS is by the legal representative for Panayotis ANDRICACOS, Calliope ANDRICACOS.

A Declaration by the actual inventors as required by 37 CFR § 1.63 is also enclosed. Execution by deceased inventor Panayotis ANDRICACOS is through the legal representative Calliope ANDRICACOS.

The processing fee as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.7(i) of \$130.00 is enclosed.

Further enclosed is the written consent of the Assignee of both the original and new inventors to this correction.

As all of the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.48 have been met by the above, correction of the inventorship in accordance with the above is respectfully submitted to be in order, and such correction is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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of which is described and claimed in:

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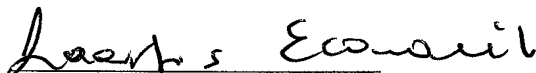
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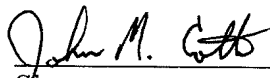
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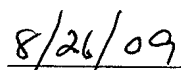
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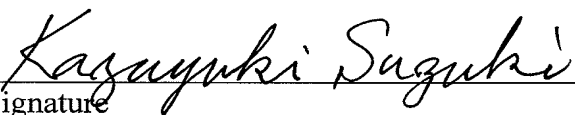
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